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SUBJECT: CUBA WEIGHS IN ON PM'S SUFFERERS' FUND

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1. ACCORDING TO THE NOVEMBER 6 PRESS, THE CUBAN VESSEL, TOPAZ ISLANDS, DELIVERED SOME 656 METRIC TONS OF RELIEF GOODS TO JAMAICA ON NOVEMBER 2. A LARGE PHOTO OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND DUDLEY THOMPSON, TOASTING THE CAPTAIN AND CREW OF THE VESSEL, IS PROMINENTLY FEATURED ON THE GLEANER'S FRONT PAGE. THE GOJ ESTIMATES THE VALUE OF THE SHIPMENT AS IN EXCESS OF J\$250,000.

2. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS THE SHIPMENT CONSISTS OF: 240,000 TINS OF CONDENSED MILK; OVER 175,000 LBS OF WHEAT FLOUR; 40,000 LBS OF MILK POWDER; 220,000 LBS OF RICE; 165,000 LBS OF SUGAR; 38,000 PAIRS OF SHOES; 16,400 DOZ TINS OF PRESERVED FRUITS; 3,300 BOXES OF SPAGHETTI AND MACARONI

3. NOVEMBER 6 EVENING PRESS REPORTS THAT MOBS STORMED
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THE TRUCKS CARRYING THE COMMODITIES FROM DOCKSIDE

TO THE WAREHOUSES AND POLICE WERE FORCED TO USE
TEAR GAS TO DISPERSE THEM.

4. COMMENT. COMING IN THE WAKE OF THE PRC RELIEF
DONATION, THE CUBAN MOVE PRESENTED THE PRIME MINISTER
WITH SERIOUS POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF IDENTIFICATION
WITH COMMUNIST REGIMES WHICH HE RESOLVED BY ACCEPTING
THE GIFT AT FACE VALUE. HEWITT

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